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SUBJ: GOQ REQUESTS PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS SPECIALIST IN
HOUSING FIELD

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1. RONALD RUSSELL FROM AID OFFICE OF HOUSING AND EMBOFF MET
TWICE ON SEPT 22 WITH HISHAM QADDUMI, TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO
AMIR, TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AID ASSISTANCE TO GOQ IN HOUSING
FIELD. DURING MORNING MEETING, QADDUMI ASKED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS
ABOUT PROGRESS AND SCOPE OF AID PROGRAM IN KUWAIT. RUSSELL
OUTLINED AID ACTIVITIES AND SUGGESTED QADDUMI PHONE ABDULLAH
DAKHEEL AL RASHID, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF KUWAIT NATIONAL HOUSING
AUTHORITY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON AID PERFORMANCE.

2. AT SECOND MEETING EVENING SEPT 22, QADDUMI SAID HE UNABLE
TO REACH DAKHEEL BUT WOULD TRY IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE WENT ON TO
DESCRIBE CURRENT HOUSING NEEDS, WITH EMPHASIS ON AREAS WHERE
OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NECESSARY. HE STATED GOQ MUST
PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH UMM SAID HOUSING PROJECT SINCE RESIDENTS
SHOULD HAVE "KEYS IN THEIR HANDS" WITHIN SIX MONTHS. AS
REPORTED DOHA 350, PROJECT WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF 1200
HOUSING UNITS WITH FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN: 200 SENIOR STAFF
HOUSES, 500 INTERMEDIATE STAFF HOUSES, 250 SENIOR STAFF APART-
MENTS AND 250 INTERMEDIATE STAFF APARTMENTS. TO GET PROJECT
FOLLING, QADDUMI SAID HE NEEDS SPECIALIST TO DRAW UP PERFORMANCE
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SPECIFICATIONS FOR TWO PHASE TURNKEY TENDER. HE NOTED THAT

THIS WOULD BE SHORT TERM ASSIGNMENT, PROBABLY NOT MORE THAN THREE WEEKS. HE ASKED RUSSELL IF AID COULD LOCATE CANDIDATE AND CABLE CURRICULUM VITAE AND COST WITHIN ONE WEEK.

3. TO MEET LONGER RANGE HOUSING NEEDS OF COUNEJY, QADDUMI SAID GOQ PLANNED TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY. HE REFERRED TO PAPER HE RECEIVED LAST YEAR FROM AID'S DAVID MCVOY OUTLINING COMPOSITION AND GOALS OF FOUR MAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM FOR ANALYSIS OF HOUSING NEEDS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF HOUSING AUTHORITY AND REQUESTED THAT AID PROVIDE COSTED PROPOSAL FOR TEAM.

4. COMMENT: TIMELY VISIT BY RUSSELL APPEARS TO HAVE REKINDLED GOQ INTEREST IN REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO LOCATE SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION SPECIALIST IN EXTREMELY SHORT TIME, WE MAY FINALLY SEE SOME ACTION AFTER DELAY OF ALMOST ONE YEAR. RE PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM, HOWEVER, QADDUMI INFORMED US THAT AS REPORTED REF A, SIMILAR PROPOSALS ARE ALSO BEING REQUESTED FROM PRIVATE FIRMS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS. WHILE IT APPEARS GOQ MORE SERIOUS ABOUT ASSISTANCE IN HOUSING FIELD THAN IN PAST, COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE STIFFER.
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